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THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE MARCH 21 ON ABC
TELEVISION NETWORK PROGRAM "GOOD MORNING AMERICA":

QUOTE: DAVID HARTMAN: PRESIDENT CARTER IN ALL OF HIS
TALK ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS HAS MADE VERY LITTLE, IF ANY,
MENTION ABOUT THE SUBJECT OF CHILE. BUT JACK ANDERSON
CONTINUES TO LOOK AT THIS SUBJECT, AS HE DOES THIS
MORNING.

GOOD MORNING, JACK,

JACK ANDERSON: GOOD MORNING, DAVID.

LAST SEPTEMBER THE FORMER CHILEAN FORMER MINISTER,
ORLANDO LETELIER, WAS BLOWN UP AS HE WAS DRIVING DOWN
EMBASSY ROW HERE. A CO-WORKER, RONNIE MOFFITT, ALSO
DIED IN THE BLAST. THE LONE SURVIVOR OF THE TRAGEDY,
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RONNIE MOFFITT'S HUSBAND MIKE MOFFITT, TELEPHONED MY
OFFICE AFTERWARD IN ANGUISH. I PROMISED TO HELP HIM TRY
TO TRACK DOWN THE KILLERS.

MY STAFF NOW HAS A LIST OF TEN KEY SUSPECTS. BUT WE'RE
NOT READY TO NAME THEM BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE FINAL
PROOF. BUT WE HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHAT HAPPENED.

WE'RE CONVINCED THAT THE REAL CULPRITS ARE THE MILITARY DICTATORS OF CHILE. THEY'VE USED THEIR DREADED SECRET POLICE, KNOWN BY THE WHISPERED NAME DINA, TO HOUND EXILE LEADERS ABROAD. THE MILITARY JUNTA WAS PARTICULARLY UPSET WITH LETELIER. YOU SEE, HE HAD MANEUVERED BEHIND THE SCENES TO BLOCK A DUTCH LOAN TO CHILE. WELL, WE UNDERSTAND THAT DINA CONTACTED ONE OF THE VETERANS OF THE BAY OF PIGS, AN OFFICER OF BRIGADE 2506. NOW THIS WAS THE UNIT THAT THE CIA CAREFULLY TRAINED IN DEMOLITION TECHNIQUES.

ALLIED WITH THE BRIGADE WAS A SPECIAL UNIT CALLED COMMANDOS L. ONE MEMBER HAD FOUGHT IN THE CONGO WITH THE CUBAN FIGHTERS. ANOTHER WORKED FOR A MOBSTER IN HAVANA. ANOTHER WAS A CHEMIST WITH A TALENT FOR RIGGING EXPLOSIVES. THE CIA HAD TRAINED THEM TO BE TERRORISTS.

THIS WAS THE KILLER SQUAD, WE BELIEVE, THAT PLANTED THE BOMB UNDER THE DRIVER'S SEAT OF LETELIER'S CAR. BUT THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY.

IN JANUARY, SOME OF THEM WERE HAULED BEFORE A SECRET GRAND JURY. SUDDENLY THEY RECEIVED A STARK WARNING ON JANUARY 7TH TO KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT. AT LEAST THAT'S OUR INTERPRETATION OF THE INCIDENT. FOR ON JANUARY 7TH, ONE JOSE PARAJETTO (?), A BAY OF PIGS' VETERAN, WAS GUNNED DOWN, GANGLAND STYLE, IN FRONT OF HIS MIAMI HOME.

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WE BELIEVE THE EXECUTION WAS A WARNING TO ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO TALK ABOUT THE LETELIER ASSASSINATION.

WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE CASE WILL EVER BE CRACKED. I'VE DONE MY BEST TO KEEP MY PROMISE TO MIKE MOFFITT. TODAY LETELIER'S WIDOW HAS A DATE TO SEE ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL. SHE'LL REMIND HIM QUIETLY THAT HER HUSBAND WAS KILLED SIX MONTHS AGO WHILE HE WAS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

DAVID.

HARTMAN: THANK YOU, JACK. END QUOTE
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